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GAS REQUIREMENT FOR POWER PROJECTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of gas required for Power Project at Pipavav and other Power Projects in Gujarat;

(b) the quantity of gas agreed to by the Union Government for these projects;

(c) whether additional availability of gas is based on the investment decision to be taken by the Management Committee of the developers of the Tapti field;

(d) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be expedited; and

(e) the reasons for not making available committed gas on pro-rata basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS` PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Against the total requirement of 2.25 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) for the Pipavav Power Project and 19.25 MMSCMD ofnatural gas for other gas based power projects in Gujarat, 9.74 MMSCMD of natural gas (including `in principle` allocation of 2.25 MMSCMD for Pipavav power project) has been allocated to power projects in Gujarat.

(c) Yes, Sir. The `in principle` allocation of 2.25 MMSCMD of gas for Pipavav power project has been made subject to the decision of the Tapti Management Committee to develop the availability of gas in the Tapti field.

(d) The Joint Venture partners of the Tapti field are in the process of finalizing the future production profile.

(e) Present availability of natural gas is in the range of 10.8 MMSCMD against an allocation of around 19.73 MMSCMD made tc various consumers including power projects in Gujarat, which is being supplied to the consumers on pro-rata basis.